

**December 7, 2006**

**Update for the Arizona Birth Defects Monitoring Program Rulemaking  
(9 A.A.C. 4, Article 5)**

The Department is amending the rules in 9 A.A.C. 4, Article 5, to clarify reporting requirements for the Arizona Birth Defects Monitoring Program (ABDMP), specify information the Department may collect and how, improve organization, and address HIPAA issues that have arisen.

A copy of the latest draft ABDMP rules is on the Department's web page for this rulemaking. New drafts will be added as the draft is revised, based on input from interested persons.

The Department has established a Rules Committee, consisting of individuals representing different groups that may be affected by the rulemaking, to provide input to the Department on the rulemaking for the ABDMP. The members of the Rules Committee are listed on the web page for the ABDMP.

The first meeting of the Rules Committee was held on December 7, 2006. Based on comments received during the meeting and from other stakeholders, revised draft rules will be developed and posted on the web page for the ABDMP rulemaking.

Stakeholders are asked to submit any comments about the rulemaking to Ruthann Smejkal, Rules Analyst for the Department, by e-mail at [smejkar@azdhs.gov](mailto:smejkar@azdhs.gov), by phone at 602-364-3959, or by fax at 602-364-1150.